

AMERICAN INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held hearing on H.R. 1176, providing for the preparation of a membership roll of the Indians of the Yakima Reservation. Representative May and Interior Department and public witnesses were heard.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT LEGISLATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported H.R. 5610, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, the Railroad Retirement Tax Act, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, so as to provide increases in benefits.

The committee also ordered favorably reported H.J. Res. 257, providing that certain communication activities at the IX Plenary Assembly of the International Radio Consultative Committee to be held in the United States in 1959 shall not be construed to be prohibited by the Communications Act of 1934, or any other law.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 5 continued hearings on bills relating to civil rights and heard

Lyman Brownfield, General Counsel, Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Kenneth Tuggle, Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission.

NSA

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee under chairmanship of Representative Davis of Georgia met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H.R. 4599, to provide certain administrative authorities for the National Security Agency.

SPECIAL POSTAGE RATES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee under chairmanship of Representative Lesinski held hearing on H.R. 4595 and 4596, to clarify and make uniform certain provisions of law relating to special postage rates for educational, cultural, and library materials. Post Office Department and public witnesses were heard.

SCIENTIFIC TRAINING AND FACILITIES

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Heard Lawrence Derthick, Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and Dr. James Shannon, Director, National Institutes of Health, and other witnesses with respect to scientific training and facilities in the United States.



Monday, March 16, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed miscellaneous bills and legislation extending temporary unemployment payments and providing for self-employed pensions.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4193-4234

Bills Introduced: 39 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1399-1437; S.J. Res. 78 and 79; and S. Res. 92.

Pages 4199-4200

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of Committee on the Judiciary entitled "An Investigation of Refugees and Escapees" (S. Rept. 101); S. 947, 458, 758, and 381, private bills (S. Repts. 102-105);

S. 1075, respecting reimbursement of Meadow School District No. 29, Upham, N. Dak., for loss of revenue resulting from certain acquisitions by the Department of the Interior, with amendment (S. Rept. 106);

S. 355, to amend the U.S. Code so as to prohibit the misuse by collecting agencies of names, emblems, and insignia to indicate Federal agency, with amendments (S. Rept. 107); and

S. 1207, private bill (S. Rept. 108).

Page 4199

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, and one House-passed concurrent resolution, were referred to appropriate committees.

Page 4193

Bill To Lie on Table: One House-passed bill was ordered to lie on table.

Page 4193

President's Message—Mutual Security: Received message from President transmitting his recommendations on mutual security program for fiscal year 1960

and requesting appropriations of \$3,929,995,000 therefor—referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Page 4192

Printing—Natchez (Miss.) Harbor: Letter from Secretary of Army and report of Chief of Engineers on review of report on Mississippi River and tributaries with respect to harbor improvements at Natchez, Miss., was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 16.

Page 4216

Outdoor Recreation Resources: H.R. 1776, respecting manner of appointment of executive secretary and personnel of National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, was taken from desk and passed without amendment, following further debate on S. 82, companion bill S. 82 was indefinitely postponed.

Page 4229

Nominations: 55 Coast Guard nominations were received.

Page 4243

Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued its hearings on S. 1086, fiscal 1960 authorizations for military construction, with testimony on the Navy title of the bill from Fred A. Bantz, Assistant Secretary (Material), Vice Adm. Ralph E. Wilson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Rear Adm. E. J. Peltier, Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Capt. John L. Chew, Director, Shore Establishment Development and Maintenance Division, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of the Navy.

Hearings continue tomorrow with testimony from Army witnesses.

D.C. MATTERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported without amendment S. 643, relative to service of notice on D.C. landowners when a special assessment for a public improvement is levied, and S. 745, to establish a method of serving notices on conditions of unsanitary buildings in the D.C., and to establish a method for collecting taxes authorized to be collected and levied under existing act; and with an amendment S. 644, to provide for the taking of a school census of all children in the D.C. under the age of 18; and S. 645, to transfer from the Inspector of Buildings of the D.C. to the D.C. Commissioners the authority and duties with respect to unsafe buildings; and an original bill to provide for the appointment of 2 additional judges for the D.C. Juvenile Court (in lieu of S. 522 and S. 546, related bills).

The committee also approved the nomination of Francis F. Healy, to be a member of the D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency. Prior to this action hearings were held on this nomination, with testimony from Brig. Gen. A. C. Welling, D.C. Engineer Commissioner; Andrew Parker, and Richard R. Atkinson, both members, and John R. Searles, Jr., executive director, all of the D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency; and the nominee.

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation held hearings on the following bills:

S. 44, authorizing construction of the San Luis unit of the Central Valley project, California—with testimony from Senators Kuchel and Engle; Representatives Sisk, Hagen, and Gubser; Gov. Edmund G. Brown, California; Floyd E. Dominy, N. B. Bennett, Jr., and B. P. Bellport, all of the Bureau of Reclamation; Lloyd Myers, J. E. O'Neill, Charles Kaljian, and Paul Staniford, all of Fresno, Calif.; Warren W. Butler, Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles; Allen Bettorff, Bakersfield, Calif.; William S. Peterson, Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles; and Charles Bates, Central California Irrigation District;

S. 72, authorizing construction of the Navajo Indian irrigation project and the initial stage of the San Juan-Chama project as participating projects of the Colorado River storage project—with testimony from Senator Chavez; Steve Reynolds, State engineer of New Mexico; N. B. Bennett, Jr.; Glenn L. Emmons, and H. Rex Lee, both of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Lewis A. Siegler, Solicitor's Office, Department of the Interior;

S. 281, authorizing construction of a reservoir at the Burns Creek site in the Upper Snake River Valley—with testimony from Senators Dworshak and Church; N. B. Bennett, Jr.; E. A. Hunter, Utah Power & Light Co.; and Oscar A. Glaeser, U.S. Fuel Co., Salt Lake City; and

S. 994, authorizing construction of the Spokane Valley project, Washington and Idaho—with testimony from Senator Jackson, who testified in behalf of himself and Senator Magnuson; and N. B. Bennett, Jr.

Subcommittee announced that the transcript of hearings held on these four proposals during the 85th Congress, 2d session, were incorporated by reference into these hearings.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported S. 355, to amend the U.S. Code so as to prohibit the misuse by collecting agencies of names, emblems, and insignia to indicate Federal agency; with amendment S. 1075, respecting reimbursement of Meadow School District No. 29, Upham, N. Dak., for loss of revenue resulting from

certain acquisitions by the Department of the Interior; and three private immigration bills (S. 458, 758, and 1207), and two private claims bills (S. 381 and 947).

Committee indefinitely postponed three private immigration bills (S. 197, 198, and 1161), and four private claims bills (S. 139, 391, 485, and 666).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 5701-5732; 4 private bills, H.R. 5733-5736; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 310, and H. Res. 210, were introduced.

Pages 4328-4329

Bill Reported: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 5508, to provide for free importation of articles for exhibition at fairs, exhibitions, or expositions (H. Rept. 213).

Page 4328

Committees To Sit: The Committees on Banking and Currency and the Judiciary were granted permission to sit during the sessions of the House for the balance of the week.

Page 4244

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

NATO parliamentary meeting: H. Con. Res. 34, favoring the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference for 1959 in Washington, D.C.

Independence National Historical Park: H.R. 2154, authorizing acquisition of additional property for inclusion within Independence National Historical Park.

Bankruptcy Act: H.R. 2237, amending chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Act, relative to elimination of monetary limitation on the availability to debtors.

Coast Guard claims: H.R. 2741, relative to settlement of claims occasioned by noncombat activities of the Coast Guard in foreign countries.

Judicial per diem: H.R. 2909, increasing the maximum subsistence allowance for Federal judges.

Naval quarters allowance: H.R. 2975, relative to validation of certain quarters allowance payments to Navy Department employees.

Naval chaplains' reports: H.R. 3290, to eliminate the requirement that each chaplain make an annual report to the Secretary of the Navy.

Medals: H.R. 3291, relative to changing designation of certain medals.

Foreign vessel service: H.R. 3292, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to furnish supplies and services to friendly foreign vessels and aircraft.

Military medical boards: H.R. 3320, relating to the appointment of boards of medical officers.

Marine Corps: H.R. 3323, establishing a peacetime limitation on the number of lieutenant generals in the Marine Corps.

Forest production: H.R. 3495, directing the Secretary of the Interior to administer certain acquired lands as revested Oregon and California railroad grant lands.

Kings Mountain National Military Park: H.R. 3496, to revise the boundaries of the Kings Mountain National Military Park, S.C., and to authorize the procurement and exchange of land.

Naval increase repeal: H.R. 4068, to repeal language which restricts the increasing of forces at naval activities prior to national elections.

Naval claims validation: H.R. 4615, to relieve certain naval personnel of liability to reimburse U.S. for transportation requests erroneously furnished them.

Sent to the Senate amended:

Edison Laboratory National Monument: H.R. 318, authorizing a revision of the boundaries of the Edison Laboratory National Monument, N.J.

Columbia Basin land sale: H.R. 1306, to amend section 2(b) of the Columbia Basin Project Act, relative to sale of land.

Recreation Resources Commission: H.R. 1776, to provide for a National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

Military escort payment: H.R. 3322, to authorize the payment of transportation to escorts of dependents of members of the uniformed services under certain conditions.

Foreign Federal crimes: H.R. 4154, amending U.S. Code relative to trial of offenders who commit offenses abroad against the U.S.

Oregon land leases: H.R. 4748, to extend the leasing provisions of the act of June 14, 1926, to certain lands in Oregon.

Bills not considered:

Passed over without prejudice: H.R. 2228, 4012, 4405, and 4913 (which was subsequently passed by the House).

Pages 4245-4253

Suspensions: The House considered and by voice votes passed, under suspension of the rules, the following bills:

Unemployment compensation extension: H.R. 5640, to extend the time during which certain individuals may continue to receive temporary unemployment compensation (without amendment). Pages 4253-4261

Self-employed pensions: H.R. 10, to encourage the establishment of voluntary pension plans by self-employed individuals (amended). Pages 4261-4275

Depository libraries: H.R. 519, to revise the laws relating to depository libraries (without amendment). Pages 4275-4278

NASA Buildings Lease: H.R. 4913, relative to leasing of buildings in the D.C. for use of National Aeronautics and Space Administration, was passed by a voice vote after its consideration had been obtained by a unanimous consent request. Page 4279

D.C. Appropriations: The House by a voice vote passed without amendment H.R. 5676, making appropriations for the government of the D.C. and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for fiscal year 1960. The bill provides appropriations totaling \$237,186,112 of which \$44,640,000 is for capital outlay. The amount provided is \$33,152,652 above fiscal 1959 appropriations and \$9,511,888 below the budget estimates. Pages 4279-4288

Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WHEAT

Committee on Agriculture: The Wheat Subcommittee held hearings with respect to general wheat legislation and heard representatives of the American Farm Bureau.

COMMITTEE MISCELLANY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee for Special Investigations met in executive session in an organizational meeting, adopted rules of procedure, and received a briefing relative to their authorized program.

AREA REDEVELOPMENT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee No. 3 resumed hearings on H.R. 3505, and other bills relating to area redevelopment. Public witnesses were heard and hearings continue tomorrow.

D.C. LEGISLATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 3 heard judicial and public witnesses on H.R. 835, and related bills, on garnishment of wages. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Labor-Management Reform Legislation heard George Meany, president, AFL-CIO. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LEGISLATION FOR THE BLIND

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Special Education concluded hearings on numerous bills relating to the welfare of the blind. Witnesses heard were Representatives Bailey and Betts; Elliott Richardson, Assistant Secretary (Legislation), Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and public witnesses.

MUTUAL SECURITY EXTENSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Heard Christian A. Herter, Acting Secretary of State, in support of the extension of the mutual security program. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Far East and Pacific met in executive session and heard Sheldon Mills, former Ambassador to Afghanistan.

MUTUAL SECURITY REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee for Review of the Mutual Security Program met in executive session.

INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs met in executive session.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation held hearing on H.R. 301, and related bills, re construction of the San Luis unit of the Central Valley project, California. Witnesses heard were Representatives Sisk, Hosmer, Hagen, and Gubser. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FAIR TRADE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Held hearing on H.R. 1253, and related bills, on fair trade. Public witnesses were heard and hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 held hearing on several private immigration bills.

SPACE AGE PROPULSION PROBLEMS

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Heard various witnesses representing private industry relative to propulsion problems in space travel. Hearings continue tomorrow.